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Mr. Brad Bradley
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Voluntary Progress Report 38 (June 2002)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during June 2002.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On June 3, 2002, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- On June 17, 2002, the Group's project coordinator provided to EPA a copy of ENTACT's June 11, 2002 letter which included analytical data from testing of liquid within the leachate collection system of the Taracorp pile.
- During June 2002, the Group and ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller ("ARCADIS") continued planning activities associated with the 2002 annual groundwater monitoring event. On June 17, 2002, the Group's project coordinator issued a letter to advise EPA that ARCADIS will perform the 2002 annual groundwater monitoring event during the week of July 21, 2002.



- During June 2002, the Group and ENTACT continued efforts to complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the residential areas and remote fill locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments. In addition, the Group and ENTACT continued efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's comments and to include off-site areas. The Group's project coordinator issued the revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to EPA on June 28, 2002.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- On June 17, 2002 and as noted above, the Group's project coordinator provided to EPA a copy of ENTACT's June 11, 2002 letter which included analytical data from testing of liquid within the leachate collection system of the Taracorp pile.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- As noted above, the Group's project coordinator submitted the revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to EPA on June 28, 2002.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- ARCADIS will mobilize to the site in July 2002 to perform the 2002 annual groundwater monitoring event.
- The Group and ENTACT will continue efforts to complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments. The revised pages to the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations will be submitted to EPA after the revisions have been made. At the present time, the Group anticipates that the revisions will be submitted to EPA in July 2002.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

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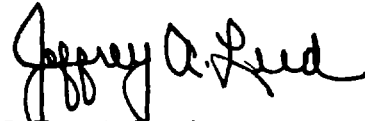
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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